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Burglary of Vehicle and Auto Theft Safety Tips during ACL

The Austin Police Department's Auto Theft Interdiction Unit would like to remind residents that car thieves will be window shopping during the Austin City Limits Music Festival.

Every year, tens of thousands of individuals lose their identity, transportation, safety and well-being to vehicle related crimes. Yet, most of these crimes could have been prevented if drivers would take the few extra moments to hide their belongings, lock their vehicles and take their keys.

APD reminds citizens to protect their vehicles by taking precautions that will make vehicles less of a target:

- Lock Your Car – don't make it easier for a thief to enter your vehicle.
- Park in well-lit areas – Over half of all vehicle theft occurs at night.
- Don't leave valuables in plain view – don't make your car a more desirable target and attract thieves by leaving valuables in plain sight.
- Never leave your car running, even if you will only be gone for a minute. In Texas, leaving your key in an unattended motor vehicle is a crime.

Remember, you hold the key to preventing auto and burglary of vehicle theft.

The APD Auto Theft Interdiction Project programs are funded through the Texas Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority to reduce auto and burglary theft in the State of Texas.

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